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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH BEFORE THE ASIA SOCIETY

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A CNA REPORT CARRIED IN  
THE JULY 1 CHINA POST:

QUOTE

NEW YORK, JUNE 29 (CNA): SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS  
VANCE GAVE A SPEECH ON THE UNITED STATES' ROLE IN ASIA  
AND THE PACIFIC BEFORE AN AUDIENCE OF 500 AT THE 20TH  
ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER OF THE ASIA SOCIETY HERE  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THE DEVELOPMENT OF PEACE  
AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.

HIS 25-MINUTE SPEECH WAS SO CAREFULLY PREPARED AND  
WORDED THAT INFORMED SOURCES SAID IT WAS AMENDED REPEATEDLY  
UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. BUT WHEN THE SECRETARY APPEARED AT  
THE NEW YORK HILTON HOTEL TO ADDRESS THE US\$150 PER PLATE  
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DINER HE STILL ADDED A WORD HERE OR DELETED A PARAGRAPH  
THERE.

ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD CHINA, HIS PREPARED TEXT READS:  
"WE ALSO PLACE IMPORTANCE ON THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE  
TAIWAN QUESTION BY THE CHINESE THEMSELVES."

WHILE READING THIS SENTENCE, THE SECRETARY ADDED  
HERE "HIGH" BEFORE "IMPORTANCE" TO INDICATE THAT THE U.S.  
PLACES NOT ONLY IMPORTANCE ON THIS ISSUE BUT "HIGH  
IMPORTANCE."

TURNING TO ECONOMIC GROWTH IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC,  
THE SECRETARY DELETED FROM HIS ORIGINAL TEXT A SENTENCE  
WHICH ENUMERATED THE GROWTH RATE OF KOREA, SINGAPORE,  
INDONESIA, MALAYSIA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

OBSERVERS BELIEVED IT WAS SO DELETED BECAUSE TO SPEAK  
OF FAST ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE AREA IT (SIC) WOULD BE INCOMPLETE  
WITHOUT ALSO MENTIONING THE HIGH ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

TWO PARAGRAPHS WERE LEARNED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY  
VANCE JUST BEFORE THE SECRETARY STEPPED ON THE PLATFORM  
TO DELIVER HIS MAJOR ASIAN POLICY SPEECH.

ONE PARAGRAPH CONCERNED THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE  
IN ASIA. AFTER EXPRESSING U.S. DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN  
A STRONG MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AREA, THE SECRETARY  
ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO SAY THAT THIS PRESENCE WILL BE  
AFFECTED BY CHANGING TECHNOLOGIES, IMPROVEMENTS IN THE  
SECURITY CAPABILITIES OF U.S. FRIENDS AND ALLIES, AND BY  
U.S. EFFORTS TO PROMOTE RECONCILIATION AND PEACE. THIS  
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WAS DELETED, IT WAS BELIEVED, SO AS NOT TO CAUSE UNDUE  
CONCERN AMONG ASIAN PEOPLE OF A POSSIBLE CHANGE IN THE  
U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE.

ANOTHER PARAGRAPH WAS LEFT OUT BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE  
EXPLAINED AS AN INTENTION TO EQUATE U.S. RELATIONS WITH  
JAPAN TO THOSE WITH COMMUNIST CHINA.

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2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON CAN REPORT.  
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